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E.O. 11652: N/U
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, CA
SUBJECT: MORIN SLAPS DOWN LALONDE

1. MINISTER OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CLAUDE MORIN ANNOUNCED AUGUST 30 THAT QUEBEC WOULD NOT ATTEND A FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL MEETING CALLED BY MARC LALONDE FOR SEPTEMBER 18 TO DISCUSS "ADMINISTRATIVE OVERLAPS" AND DUPLICATION BETWEEN THE TWO LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. MORIN SAID THAT THE PROVINCES HAD ALREADY AGREED AT REGINA THAT THE SUBJECT WOULD BE BROACHED AT AN INTERPROVINCIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, PROBABLY IN MONTREAL, AND THAT LALONDE WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION, ONCE THE PROVINCES HAD CLARIFIED THEIR OWN POSITION. IN LIGHT OF THIS, MORIN SAID, HE SAW NO REASON FOR THE MEETING PROPOSED BY LALONDE, AND ADDED THAT HE EXPECTED THE SAME POSITION TO BE TAKEN BY OTHER PROVINCIAL PREMIERS.

2. COMMENT: THE GOQ'S PRIMARY INTEREST AT THE MOMENT, OF COURSE, IS MAINTAINING SOLIDARITY WITH THE OTHER PROVINCES. AS LONG AS THAT SOLIDARITY IS NOT ENDANGERED, IT IS EASY TO SNUB LALONDE AND OTTAWA.
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